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Diagram illustrating the 16-bit data structure for the 1991 data set. The structure is divided into several fields:

- AR EA**: 2 bits (bits 6-7)
- TYPE**: 1 bit (bit 8)
- SAMP LE**: 3 bits (bits 9-11)
- FOR M**: 1 bit (bit 12)
- DAT E**: 2 bits (bits 13-14)
- TIM**: 4 bits (bits 15-18)

The year 1991 is indicated next to the DATE field.

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Of the people living in your household who are at least 18 years old, including those who are not home right now, can you tell me who had the most recent birthday? (IF PERSON DOESN'T KNOW ALL THE BIRTHDAYS, SAY:) Well, of the ones you do know, who had the last birthday? May I speak to that person please? (IF PERSON WITH MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY IS NOT HOME, FIND OUT WHEN HE/SHE WILL RETURN AND MAKE AN APPOINTMENT TO CALL BACK.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS THE ONE WITH THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

(IF RESPONDENT INDICATES THAT HE/SHE IS NOT THE ONE TO HAVE THE MOST RECENT BIRTHDAY, ASK TO SPEAK TO THE PERSON WHO DID. AFTER RESPONDENT COMES TO THE PHONE, SAY:)

Hello, my name is _____ and I'm calling from Hart-Teeter for NBC News and *The Wall Street Journal*. We're conducting a confidential poll of public opinion across the country. Are you at least 18 years old and the person with the most recent birthday of all the adults living in this household? (IF "YES," SAY:) Here is my first question. (PROCEED IMMEDIATELY TO QUESTION #1--DO NOT PAUSE.)

1. Are you currently registered to vote in the precinct or election district where you now live, or haven't you had a chance to register yet?

	All <u>Adults</u>	
Yes.....	72	[19]
No.....	27	
Not sure.....	1	

2. All in all, do you think things in the nation are generally headed in the right direction, or do you feel that things are off on the wrong track?

		<u>8/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>2/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	[20]
Right direction.....	33	41	33	40	40	55	65	28	22	45	
Wrong track.....	49	38	50	44	38	26	22	51	59	40	
Mixed (VOL).....	14	15	12	13	17	15	9	15	14	10	
Not sure.....	4	6	5	3	5	4	4	6	5	5	
		<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>			
		40	42	47	44	49	41	42			
		37	38	32	31	29	35	34			
		18	16	13	20	17	19	19			
		5	4	8	5	5	5	5			

- 3a. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing as president?

		<u>8/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>2/91</u>	<u>1/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/30-31/90</u>	<u>10/19-21/90</u>	[21]
Approve.....	64	70	67	76	74	81	85	77	57	56	59	
Disapprove.....	27	21	25	21	19	13	11	15	36	32	32	
Not sure.....	9	9	8	3	7	6	4	8	7	12	9	
			<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>		
			75	67	72	75	69	71	67	67		
			15	22	21	15	19	19	22	17		
			10	11	7	10	12	10	11	16		

- 3b. Do you generally approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling the economy?

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Approve.....	41	38	47	44	44	37	35	52	48	51	59	53	54	52	61	[22]
Disapprove.....	51	52	48	44	45	54	55	36	41	40	30	35	31	33	24	
Not sure.....	8	10	5	12	11	9	10	12	11	9	11	12	15	15	15	

- 3c. In general, do you approve or disapprove of the job George Bush is doing in handling our foreign policy?

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Approve.....	71	74	74	76	83	56	63	75	67	67	70	67	69	59	58	[23]
Disapprove.....	23	21	21	18	11	37	30	17	22	25	22	22	21	27	26	
Not sure.....	6	5	5	6	6	7	7	8	11	8	8	11	10	14	16	

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about politics and domestic issues.

4a. Generally speaking, do you think of yourself as a Democrat, a Republican, an Independent, or something else?

(IF "DEMOCRAT" OR "REPUBLICAN," ASK:) Would you call yourself a strong Democrat/Republican or a not very strong Democrat/Republican? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "NOT STRONG DEMOCRAT/REPUBLICAN.")

(IF "INDEPENDENT," ASK:) Do you think of yourself as closer to the Republican Party, closer to the Democratic Party, or do you think of yourself as strictly Independent? (IF "NOT SURE," CODE AS "STRICTLY INDEPENDENT.")

Strong Democrat.....	19	CONTINUE	[24]
Not strong Democrat.....	14		
Independent/lean Democrat.....	7		
Strictly Independent.....	14		
Independent/lean Republican.....	12	SKIP TO	
		Q.5.	
Not strong Republican.....	13		
Strong Republican.....	15		
Other.....	3		
Refused.....	1		
Don't know/nothing.....	2		

(ONLY ASKED OF REGISTERED DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS)

4b. Let me read you a list of people who might seek the 1992 Democratic nomination for president. If the Democratic primary for president were being held today, which candidate would you favor? **(READ LIST.) (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:) Well, which way do you lean?**

Jerry Brown.....	11	[25]
Bill Clinton.....	5	
Tom Harkin.....	6	
Bob Kerrey.....	6	
Paul Tsongas ("SONG-gus")	5	
Doug Wilder.....	7	
Someone else (VOL).....	2	
None (VOL).....	17	
Not sure.....	41	

(ONLY ASKED OF REGISTERED DEMOCRATS AND INDEPENDENTS)

- 4c. And suppose Mario Cuomo ("QUO-moe") and Jesse Jackson decide to run. If the Democratic primary for president were being held today, which candidate would you favor? **(READ LIST.) (IF "NOT SURE," ASK:)** Well, which way do you lean?

Jerry Brown.....	6	[26]
Mario Cuomo ("QUO-moe").	29	
Bill Clinton.....	2	
Tom Harkin.....	3	
Jesse Jackson.....	20	
Bob Kerrey.....	2	
Paul Tsongas ("SONG-gus")	2	
Doug Wilder.....	4	
Someone else (VOL).....	1	
None (VOL).....	9	
Not sure.....	22	

5. Based on what you have seen or heard recently, do you favor or oppose the U.S. Senate's confirming Clarence Thomas as a justice of the U.S. Supreme Court, or do you still need to know more about him?

		<u>7/91</u>	
Favor the Senate's confirming Thomas	46	35	[27]
Oppose the Senate's confirming Thomas...	12	10	
Still need to know more about him.....	38	53	
Not sure.....	4	2	

- 6a. In general, would you say the Senate Judiciary Committee hearings have made you feel more favorable or less favorable about Clarence Thomas, or haven't they really affected your opinion of him either way?

More favorable about Thomas	20	[28]
Less favorable about Thomas.....	14	
Not really affected opinion either way.....	57	
Not sure.....	9	

- 6b. If Clarence Thomas becomes a justice on the Supreme Court, do you think most of the time he will end up siding with the liberals or with the conservatives on the Court, or do you think he will not be a part of either side?

Liberals	6	[29]
Conservatives.....	27	
Not a part of either side.....	38	
Depends (VOL).....	5	
Not sure.....	24	

7. Based on what you have seen or heard recently, do you favor or oppose the U.S. Senate's confirming Robert Gates as Director of the C.I.A., or do you still need to know more about him?

		<u>7/91</u>	
Favor the Senate's confirming Gates	17	10	[30]
Oppose the Senate's confirming Gates.....	14	10	
Still need to know more about him.....	62	77	
Not sure.....	7	3	

Now, let me ask you a few questions foreign affairs. Study for 20 page 19

8. If Saddam Hussein prevents United Nations officials from inspecting Iraqi military installations, do you think the United States should or should not take military action against Iraq?

Should.....	74	[31]
Should not.....	17	
Not sure.....	9	

- 9a. Do you feel that the United States should or should not help the Soviet Union to strengthen its economy?

		<u>8/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>12/89</u>	
Should.....	57	51	52	51	38	38	45	[32]
Should not.....	26	36	39	38	45	50	40	
Depends (VOL).....	9	10	5	7	11	6	8	
Not sure.....	8	3	4	4	6	6	7	

- 9b. Who would you like to see as the leader of the Soviet Union--(READ CHOICES. ROTATE.)?

		<u>8/91</u>	<u>6/91</u> ¹	
Mikhail Gorbachev. .	54	47	63	[33]
Boris Yeltsin.....	18	27	24	
Neither (VOL).....	4	5	3	
Not sure.....	24	21	11	

¹In June, question only asked of respondents who could rate their feelings toward Gorbachev and Yeltsin.

- 9c. Which of the following statements comes closer to your point of view:

Statement A: It would be better for the United States if the central government in the Soviet Union retains some authority because it would be easier to reach economic and military agreements with one central government than with several smaller republics.

Statement B: It would be better for the United States if the central government in the Soviet Union dissolves because several smaller republics would be less likely than a larger central government to provide strong military or economic competition to the United States.

Statement A.....	52	[34]
Statement B.....	33	
Both equally (VOL).....	2	
Neither (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	11	

(FORM B ONLY)

- 10a. In general, do you favor or oppose reducing the amount of aid the United States provides to foreign countries?

Favor reducing foreign aid.....	69	[35]
Oppose reducing foreign aid.....	24	
Not sure.....	7	

(FORM B ONLY)

10b. Here is a list of some countries. For each one, please tell me whether you think we should or should not help that country with economic aid. (READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. ROTATE.)

	Should Help	Should Not Help	Not Sure ¹	
Poland				[36]
September.....	55	29	16	
June.....	55	38	8	
Egypt				[37]
September.....	37	47	16	
June.....	35	53	12	
The Soviet Union				[38]
September.....	58	32	10	
June.....	43	49	8	
Israel				[39]
September.....	44	46	10	
June.....	46	47	8	

(BOTH FORMS)

11a. In general, who do you think is currently the biggest obstacle to finding a peace settlement in the Arab-Israeli dispute--(READ CHOICES)? (ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS.)

		<u>7/91</u>	
The Arab nations.....	33	35	[40]
Israel.....	34	37	
Both equally (VOL).....	16	11	
Neither (VOL).....	1	2	
Not sure.....	16	15	

11b. Do you think Israel should or should not give up control of land in the occupied territories of the West Bank, Gaza Strip, and Golan Heights in exchange for a peace agreement with the Arab nations?

		<u>7/91</u>	
Yes, should give up control.....	49	50	[41]
No, should not give up control.....	31	34	
Not sure.....	20	16	

12. Currently, Congress has to decide whether to delay for 120 days consideration of legislation to grant Israel 10 billion dollars in loan guarantees to help finance the resettlement of Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union. President Bush favors the delay because he says that acting now could undermine the Middle East peace process. Some members of Congress oppose the delay because they say that Israel needs to borrow the funds immediately to help its new citizens. Do you favor or oppose a 120-day delay on consideration of the loan guarantees for Israel?

Favor a 120-day delay.....	69	[42]
Oppose a 120-day delay.....	18	
Do not want Congress to consider loan guarantees at all (VOL)....	5	
Not sure.....	8	

13. Based on what you know, do you think Fidel Castro will or will not still be the leader of Cuba one year from now?

Will still be the leader.....	51	[43]
Will not still be the leader.....	31	
Not sure.....	18	

14a. There is much discussion as to the amount of money the government in Washington should spend for national defense and military purposes. How do you feel about this? Do you think we are spending too little, too much, or about the right amount?

	Study 4021	All Adults 8/90	All Adults 1/90	All Adults 1983	All Adults 2/81	
Too little.....	10	11	15	10	21	51 [44]
Too much.....	42	37	41	50	37	15
The right amount.....	41	48	40	35	36	22
Not sure.....	7	4	4	5	6	12

14b. Some people in Congress suggest that, because of the diminished military threat from the Soviet Union, the United States will be able to cut defense spending in half by the year 2000. Do you agree or disagree with this suggestion?

Agree.....	41 [45]
Disagree.....	50
Not sure.....	9

(FORM A ONLY)

15. Let me read you a number of actions the United States could take if spending on defense is reduced. For each of the following, please tell me whether you would favor or oppose reducing defense spending for this.

(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:) Would you favor or oppose reducing U.S. defense spending in order to (READ ITEM)? (START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>Favor</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Provide financial aid to the Soviet Union.....	30	63	7	[46]
Expand federal unemployment insurance.....	60	33	7	[47]
Pay for programs to improve education.....	84	13	3	[48]
Provide extra funding for programs to fight the drug problem...	74	21	5	[49]
Reduce the federal budget deficit.....	74	19	7	[50]
Pay for programs to provide health insurance for people without coverage.....	73	21	6	[51]
Cut taxes for the middle class.....	72	22	6	[52]

(FORM B ONLY)

15. For each of the following situations, please tell me how likely you think it is that the United States will have to use its military forces during the next five years.

(FOR EACH ITEM, ASK:) How likely do you think it is that during the next five years the United States will have to use its military forces for (READ ITEM)--extremely likely, quite likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely? (START FROM THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)

	<u>Extremely Likely</u>	<u>Quite Likely</u>	<u>Just Somewhat Likely</u>	<u>Not That Likely</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
A small, short operation, such as the invasion of Grenada or Panama.....	11	21	30	29	9	[53]
A large, but short war, such as the Gulf War with Iraq.....	17	27	25	25	6	[54]
A major, long war, such as World War II or the Korean War.....	4	5	10	74	7	[55]

Now, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the economy and finances.

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(BOTH FORMS)

16a. Over the past year, do you think the national economy has gotten better, gotten worse, or stayed about the same?

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Better.....	8	9	11	8	3	3	6	11	11	12	13	12	15	18	[56]
Worse.....	57	64	54	64	73	72	57	37	36	30	37	29	34	23	
Stayed about the same ..	33	26	35	27	23	24	35	51	52	56	48	57	49	57	
Not sure.....	2	1	-	1	1	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	2	2	

16b. During the next year, do you think the national economy will get better, get worse, or stay about the same?

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>1/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>4/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Better.....	32	34	37	37	46	25	21	13	16	20	22	24	21	22	21	25	[57]
Worse.....	24	24	23	22	20	40	45	52	49	33	32	29	30	28	33	23	
Stay about the same.	39	37	37	38	27	28	30	30	26	40	41	42	44	44	39	43	
Not sure.....	5	5	3	3	7	7	4	5	9	7	5	5	5	6	7	9	

17. I'd like to read you a list of economic issues. As of right now, which one do you feel is the most important issue facing the country? **(READ LIST SLOWLY. START FROM BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW. ACCEPT ONLY ONE ANSWER AND RECORD BELOW.)**

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/90</u>	<u>10/90</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>7/90</u>	<u>5/90</u>	<u>3/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Inflation.....	10	9	9	9	10	11	13	13	8	9	13	12	12	[58]
Unemployment.....	37	35	30	32	31	26	16	22	21	22	20	23	23	
Interest rates.....	3	3	4	2	3	3	2	3	4	5	5	4	4	
The federal budget deficit.....	23	27	34	29	32	35	43	34	37	35	30	29	32	
Federal taxes.....	6	7	7	6	6	7	10	5	9	9	7	7	8	
The U.S. trade deficit.....	8	10	11	11	10	11	9	14	14	14	17	18	15	
All equally important (VOL).	10	6	3	10	6	6	6	6	6	4	6	5	4	
None is important (VOL).....	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	
Not sure.....	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	

18a. Generally speaking, would you say your own family's financial situation is in good shape, only fair shape, or poor shape?

		<u>9/91</u>	<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
Good shape.....	35	36	37	40	43	37		[59]
Only fair shape.	49	50	50	47	45	51		
Poor shape.....	15	13	13	12	12	12		
Not sure.....	1	1	-	1	-	-		

18b. During the next year, do you think your family will be financially better off than it is today, worse off, or about the same?

		<u>7/91</u>	<u>6/91</u>	<u>5/91</u>	<u>3/91</u>	<u>1/90</u>	<u>11/89</u>	<u>9/89</u>	
Better off.....	30	32	29	29	36	30	31	34	[60]
Worse off.....	10	10	11	10	8	9	14	13	
About the same..	57	56	59	59	55	59	53	51	
Not sure.....	3	2	1	2	1	2	2	2	

19a. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past year, have you found it to be a period in which you have been cutting down on purchases and other spending, have you been increasing your purchases and other spending during the past year, or has there been little change during the past year?

		<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/90</u> *	<u>10/90</u> *	<u>9/90</u> *	<u>7/90</u> *	<u>5/90</u> *	<u>3/90</u> *	<u>1/90</u>	
Cutting down.....	55	49	57	55	49	41	41	45	41	[61]
Increasing.....	10	11	10	7	10	14	15	13	16	
Little change.....	34	40	33	38	41	44	43	42	42	
Not sure/refused.....	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	

*In March, May, July,

19b. Thinking about your personal financial situation in the past year, have you found it to be a period in which you have been cutting down on savings and other investments, have you been increasing your savings and other investments during the past year, or has there been little change during the past year?

		<u>3/91</u>	<u>12/90</u> *	<u>10/90</u> *	<u>9/90</u> *	<u>7/90</u> *	<u>5/90</u> *	<u>3/90</u> *	<u>1/90</u>	
Cutting down.....	33	28	36	28	28	25	24	25	29	[62]

Increasing.....	20	25	17	45	40	17	21	23	20	23
Little change.....	45	47	46	55	54	54	53	52	54	47
Not sure/refused...	2	-	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

* In March, May, July, September, and October 1990, these questions were asked about changes "over the past three months."

20. Compared to five years ago, would you say your financial assets have increased, decreased, or stayed about the same?

	<u>9/91 *</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>11/86*</u>	<u>12/85*</u>	
Increased.....	48	48	50	52	[63]
Decreased.....	24	22	18	19	
Stayed about the same.....	26	29	31	28	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	1	
* All Adults					

21. Do you put aside money regularly in savings or investments to help finance **(READ ITEM)**? If this doesn't apply to you, just say so. **(ROTATE ORDER OF ITEMS "A" THROUGH "C" ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW. ALWAYS ASK ITEM D LAST.)**

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Doesn't Apply</u>	<u>Not Sure/ Refused</u>	
A) Your retirement, other than Social Security					
September 1991 *.....	51	37	10	2	
September 1990.....	57	30	12	1	[64]
B) Purchase of a home					
September 1991 *.....	22	55	21	2	
September 1990.....	29	42	29	-	[65]
C) A child's college education					
September 1991 *.....	28	49	20	3	
September 1990.....	30	42	27	1	[66]
D) Some other long-term goal					
September 1991 *.....	31	54	7	8	
September 1990.....	40	51	7	2	[67]

*All adults

- 22a. Overall, how sound would you say the nation's banking system is right now--very sound, fairly sound, just somewhat sound, or not at all sound?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
Very sound.....	4	7	[68]
Fairly sound.....	30	35	
Just somewhat sound.....	34	32	
Not at all sound.....	28	23	
Not sure.....	4	3	
*All adults			

- 22b. Have you taken money out of a bank or savings and loan within the past three years because you were worried about the institution's safety?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>4/89*</u>	
Yes, have taken money out.....	11	10	6	[69]
No, have not taken money out.....	86	90	93	
Not sure.....	3	-	1	

23. Overall, how sound would you say the nation's insurance companies are right now--very sound, fairly sound, just somewhat sound, or not at all sound?

	All Adults	
Very sound.....	13	[70]
Fairly sound.....	34	
Just somewhat sound.....	28	
Not at all sound.....	18	
Not sure.....	7	

24. During the past three years, have you moved your insurance policy or cashed in an insurance policy or annuity because you were worried about the soundness of your insurance company?

	All Adults	
Yes, have moved or cashed in policy.....	8	[71]
No, have not moved or cashed in policy.....	87	
Do not/did not have insurance policy (VOL)...	3	
Not sure.....	2	

25. Would you favor or oppose expanding the federal unemployment compensation program to allow more people to receive benefits and to extend the length of time they can receive those benefits?

Favor.....	58	[72]
Oppose.....	35	
Not sure.....	7	

26. Do you feel this is a good time or a bad time to buy a home?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>8/89*</u>	<u>4/89*</u>	
Good time.....	62	52	74	81	[73]
Bad time.....	30	38	21	15	
Not sure.....	8	10	5	4	
* All adults					

- 27a. Do you own your home?

	<u>9/91*</u>		<u>9/90</u>	
Yes, own home.....	60	CONTINUE SKIP TO Q.27c.	68	[74]
No, do not own home.....	39		31	
Not sure.....	1		1	
*All adults				

(ASKED ONLY OF RESPONDENTS WHO SAY THEY OWN A HOME IN Q.27a)

27b. Do you think you could sell your home today for more than you would have gotten a year ago, less than you would have gotten a year ago, or about the same amount?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
More.....	28	34	[75]
Less.....	30	27	
About the same amount.....	38	37	
Not sure.....	4	2	
*All adults			

(ASK EVERYONE.)

27c. During the next 12 months, how likely is it that you will buy a new home or condominium--almost certain, very likely, somewhat likely, not that likely, or will you definitely not buy a new home or condominium during the next 12 months?

	<u>All Adults</u>	
Almost certain.....	4	[76]
Very likely.....	5	
Somewhat likely.....	9	
Not that likely.....	18	
Definitely will not buy.....	63	
Not sure.....	1	

28. Do you think housing prices currently are headed up, headed down, or staying the same?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
Headed up.....	36	41	[77]
Headed down.....	20	27	
Staying the same.....	41	27	
Not sure.....	3	5	
*All adults			

29. Which one of the following types of investments do you think will do the best in the coming year? (ACCEPT ONLY ONE RESPONSE.)

	<u>All Adults</u>	
Stocks.....	17	[78]
Bonds.....	10	
Money-market mutual funds.....	21	
Investment real estate, other than your own home...	18	
Precious metals.....	5	
Your own home.....	12	
All of these equally (VOL).....	1	
None of these (VOL).....	2	
Not sure.....	14	

30. In general, when it comes to investing in the stock market, do you think it is better to buy a mutual fund that invests in many different stocks, or to buy individual stocks themselves?

	<u>All Adults</u>	
Mutual fund.....	44	[79]
Individual stocks.....	31	
Both equally (VOL).....	3	
Neither (VOL).....	3	
Not sure.....	19	

- 31a. Let me read you a list of different ways people invest their money. For each one, please tell me whether you currently have money in that item, have had money there in the past, or have never had money there. **(READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START AT THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	Currently <u>Have</u>	Have Had <u>In Past</u>	Have Never <u>Had</u>	Not <u>Sure</u>	
CD (certificate of deposit)					
September 1991*.....	31	18	48	3	
September 1990.....	36	16	46	2	[80]
Savings account					
September 1991*.....	76	16	6	2	
September 1990.....	78	15	6	1	[81]
Money market mutual fund ¹					
September 1991*.....	24	10	63	3	
September 1990.....	30	11	57	2	[82]
Bonds					
September 1991*.....	29	13	55	3	
September 1990.....	31	20	48	1	[83]
Mutual funds					
September 1991*.....	23	8	65	4	
September 1990.....	22	9	67	2	[84]
Stock					
September 1991*.....	28	12	56	4	
September 1990.....	31	12	55	2	[85]
Investment-type insurance policies or annuities					
September 1991*.....	31	8	58	3	[86]
Precious metals					
September 1991*.....	10	4	83	3	
September 1990.....	11	5	82	2	[87]
Investment real estate					
September 1991*.....	16	8	73	3	
September 1990.....	31	8	60	1	[88]

¹In September 1990, question was

*All adults

- 31b. Let me read you this list again, and for each one please tell me whether you would feel very comfortable putting your money in this type of investment, somewhat comfortable, somewhat uncomfortable, or very uncomfortable putting your money in this type of investment. **(READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START AT THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	<u>Very Comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat Comfortable</u>	<u>Somewhat Uncomfortable</u>	<u>Very Uncomfortable</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
CD (certificate of deposit)						
September 1991*.....	38	37	11	6	8	
September 1990.....	44	33	11	6	6	[89]
Savings account						
September 1991*.....	54	33	6	3	4	
September 1990.....	54	32	7	4	3	[90]
Money market mutual fund ¹						
September 1991*.....	21	37	17	12	13	[91]
September 1990.....	26	33	18	10	13	
Bonds						
September 1991*.....	29	38	14	10	9	
September 1990.....	32	35	17	8	8	[92]
Mutual funds						
September 1991*.....	20	36	18	12	14	
September 1990.....	15	33	23	12	17	[93]
Stock						
September 1991*.....	15	30	24	21	10	
September 1990.....	12	26	28	24	10	[94]
Investment-type insurance policies or annuities						
September 1991*.....	16	31	22	19	12	[95]
Precious metals						
September 1991*.....	13	24	24	25	14	
September 1990.....	15	23	24	23	15	[96]
Investment real estate						
September 1991*.....	27	29	19	16	9	
September 1990.....	30	30	17	15	8	[97]

¹In September 1990, the

*All adults

32. Using a scale of 0 to 10, on which a "0" means you usually prefer totally safe investments that avoid all risks and have a low rate of return and a "10" means you usually prefer uncertain investments that have an extremely high rate of return, please tell me how you would rate the type of investments you usually prefer. You may select any number between 0 and 10, depending on how you usually prefer to invest. If you have no opinion, just say so. (RECORD BELOW. IF RESPONDENT HAS NO OPINION, RECORD A "**." IF RESPONDENT VOLUNTEERS "NO MONEY TO INVEST," RECORD A "-.")¹

	Pr "0"	"1"	"2"	"3"	"4"	"5"	"6"	"7"	Pr "8"	"9"	"10"	No Money To Invest	No Opinion
September 1991*.....	15	5	7	12	10	22	9	8	6	1	5	(5)	(13)
September 1990	15	6	9	12	11	20	9	8	5	1	4	(4)	(14)

(FORM A ONLY)

33. Let me read you three areas in which government has regulations and standards for business. For each area I read, please tell me if you feel the current regulations are too strict, about right, or not strict enough. If you have no opinion about a regulation, please just say so. **(READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START AT THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	Too Strict	About Right	Not Strict Enough	No Opinion	Not Sure	
Regulations on the stock market.....	4	30	24	31	11	[99]
Regulations on insurance companies.....	9	19	52	13	7	[100]
Regulations on the banking system.....	6	26	51	10	7	[101]

(BOTH FORMS)

34. Do you expect to spend more, about the same, or less on major purchases in the next year than you have in the past year?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	<u>1/90</u>	
Spend more.....	28	25	22	[102]
Spend about the same.....	35	40	38	
Spend less.....	35	34	39	
Not sure.....	2	1	1	
*All adults				

35. Are you putting off making a ~~major purchase~~ ^{major purchase}, such as a home or a new car, because of concerns about the economy?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>9/90</u>	
Yes.....	37	33	[103]
No.....	60	66	
Not sure.....	3	1	
*All adults			

36a. Based on what you have seen or heard recently, do you think that manipulation of the stock and bond markets is typical or not typical of what happens on Wall Street?

	All Adults	
Typical.....	68	[104]
Not typical.....	15	
Not sure.....	17	

36b. Have you seen or heard anything about the financial firm of Salomon Brothers and its illegal purchasing of government securities?

	All Adults	
Yes, have seen/heard.....	42	[105]
No, have not seen/heard.....	55	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASK EVERYONE.)

37a. Do you think the U.S. is or is not currently in an economic recession?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>12/90</u>	
Yes, is in a recession.....	75	65	CONTINUE [106] SKIP TO Q.38a.
No, is not in a recession.....	18	27	
Not sure.....	7	8	
*All adults			

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37b. Has the recession directly affected you and your family, or have you not been affected by it?

(IF "AFFECTED," ASK:) Would you say it has had a big or a small effect on you and your family?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>12/90¹</u>	
<u>YES, AFFECTED</u>		55	[107]
Big effect.....	26	NA	
Small effect.....	32	NA	
Not sure.....	2	NA	
<u>NO, NOT AFFECTED</u>	39	45	
<u>NOT SURE IF AFFECTED</u>	1	NA	

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37c. Do you think the recession is mild or severe?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>12/90</u>	
Mild.....	59	45	[108]
Severe.....	32	39	
In between (VOL).....	7	9	
Not sure.....	2	7	
*All adults			

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37d. And how long do you think the recession will last? **(READ LIST SLOWLY.)**

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>12/90</u>	
Less than 3 months.....	1	2	[109]
3 to 6 months.....	10	11	
6 months to a year.....	34	34	
More than a year.....	47	42	
Not sure.....	8	11	
*All adults			

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37e. Do you think the worst of the recession is over or is yet to come?

	All <u>Adults</u>	
Worst of recession is over.....	43	[110]
Worst is yet to come.....	49	
Not sure.....	8	

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37f. How likely do you think it is that you or someone in your household will lose their job as a result of the recession--extremely likely, very likely, just somewhat likely, or not that likely?

	All <u>Adults</u>	
Extremely likely.....	8	[111]
Very likely.....	10	
Just somewhat likely.....	21	
Not that likely.....	58	
Not sure.....	3	

(ASKED ONLY OF THOSE WHO THINK THE U.S. IS IN A RECESSION IN Q.37a.)

37g. Has any establishment in which you personally shopped or did business gone out of business because of the recession?

	All <u>Adults</u>	
Yes, gone out of business.....	45	[112]
No, not gone out of business.....	51	
Not sure.....	4	

(ASK EVERYONE.)

38a. In the past six months, have you or has anyone in your household had their income reduced because of a reduction in hours worked, lost overtime, a salary cut, or lost business?

	<u>9/91*</u>	<u>3/91</u>	
Yes, income reduced.....	31	29	[113]
No, income not reduced.....	65	68	
Not sure.....	4	3	
*All adults			

(FORM A ONLY)

38b. **(FOR EACH ITEM ON LIST, ASK:)** Do you think **(READ ITEM)** is doing enough or is not doing enough to combat the recession? **(ROTATE ORDER ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	<u>Doing Enough</u>	<u>Not Doing Enough</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
The Bush Administration				[114]
September 1991.....	29	59	12	
May 1991.....	27	61	12	
March 1991.....	33	55	12	
The Federal Reserve				[115]
September 1991.....	32	44	24	
May 1991.....	27	49	24	
March 1991.....	28	50	22	
Congress				[116]
September 1991.....	16	71	13	
May 1991.....	12	74	14	
March 1991.....	15	75	10	

(FORM B ONLY)

38b. Here are some things people have done because of their concern about an economic recession. For each one, please tell me whether you have or have not done this. **(READ EACH ITEM AND REPEAT CHOICES. START AT THE BOTTOM AND WORK YOUR WAY UP ON EVERY OTHER INTERVIEW.)**

	<u>Have Done</u>	<u>Have Not Done</u>	<u>Not Sure</u>	
Cut back on luxury items				
September 1991.....	69	29	2	
September 1990.....	56	43	1	[117]
Changed vacation plans				
September 1991.....	44	53	3	
September 1990.....	35	64	1	[118]
Tried to save more money than usual				
September 1991.....	58	40	2	
September 1990.....	54	45	1	[119]
Avoided changing jobs				
September 1991.....	43	52	5	
September 1990.....	38	57	5	[120]
Found ways to economize in the things you buy				
September 1991.....	82	16	2	
September 1990.....	76	23	1	[121]

Finally, let me ask you a question on a totally different subject.

(BOTH FORMS)

39. Do you think it was a good idea or a bad idea that a sequel to Margaret Mitchell's "Gone with the Wind" was written?

Good idea.....	26	[122]
Bad idea.....	34	
No opinion (VOL).....	27	
Not sure.....	13	

FACTUALS: Now I am going to ask you a few questions for statistical purposes only.

- F1. In politics today, do you generally consider yourself to be very liberal, somewhat liberal, moderate, somewhat conservative, very conservative, or haven't you thought much about it?

	All Adults	[123]
Very liberal.....	6	
Somewhat liberal.....	16	
Moderate.....	22	
Somewhat conservative.....	25	
Very conservative.....	9	
Haven't thought much about it.....	20	
Not sure.....	2	

- F2. What is the last grade you completed in school?

	All Adults	[124]
Grade school.....	3	
Some high school.....	11	
High school graduate.....	33	
Some college, no degree.....	18	
Vocational training, 2-year college.....	9	
4-year college/Bachelor's degree.....	16	
Some postgraduate work, no degree.....	3	
2-3 years' postgraduate work, Master's degree.....	6	
Doctoral degree/law degree.....	1	
Not sure.....	-	

- F3. How old are you? (IF REFUSED, ASK:) Well, can you tell me which age group you belong to? Are you in the age group 18 to 24, 25 to 29, 30 to 34, 35 to 39, 40 to 44, 45 to 49, 50 to 54, 55 to 59, 60 to 64, or 65 and over?

	All Adults		[125]
18-24.....	14	45-49.....	7
25-29.....	11	50-54.....	7
30-34.....	13	55-59.....	6
35-39.....	11	60-64.....	6
40-44.....	9	65 and over.....	16
		Not sure/refused.....	-

F4. What type of work do you do? **(WRITE JOB DESCRIPTION IN SPACE BELOW.)**

	All Adults	
	20	[126]
Professional/manager.....		
White collar worker.....	24	
Blue collar worker.....	23	
Farmer.....	1	
Student.....	4	
Homemaker.....	8	
Retired.....	17	
Unemployed.....	3	
Never worked/not sure.....	-	

F5. Are you, or is any member of your household, a member of a labor union?

	All Adults	
Labor union member.....	13	[127]
Labor union household.....	7	
Non-union household.....	79	
Not sure.....	1	

F6. In what religion were you brought up?

	All Adults	
Protestant.....	44	[128]
Catholic.....	30	
Jewish.....	2	
Other.....	19	
None.....	4	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F7. Are you white, black, Hispanic, Asian, or something else?

	All Adults	
White.....	75	[129]
Black.....	14	
Hispanic.....	7	
Asian.....	1	
Other.....	2	
Not sure/refused.....	1	

F8. If you added the yearly income of all the members of your family who were living at home last year, would the total be less than \$10,000, between \$10,000 and \$20,000, between \$20,000 and \$30,000, between \$30,000 and \$40,000, between \$40,000 and \$50,000, between \$50,000 and \$75,000, or would the total be more than that?

	All Adults	
Less than \$10,000.....	8	[130]
Between \$10,000 and \$20,000.....	18	
Between \$20,000 and \$30,000.....	18	
Between \$30,000 and \$40,000.....	16	
Between \$40,000 and \$50,000.....	12	
Between \$50,000 and \$75,000.....	13	
More than \$75,000.....	9	
Not sure/refused.....	6	